

'Sudan Governor General's Statement Has United Egyptian People Against Britain'

CAIRO, Thursday. FOLLOWING the debate on Tuesday in the Chamber of Deputies, Fikry Abazaz Bey, Egyptian National Party Deputy, writing in the "Alahram" today, declares that the Governor-General of the Sudan deserved thanks of all Egyptians because his statements had brought all the Egyptian parties together and united the Egyptian people completely against the British Empire. "The battle has begun," he adds.

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London Reacts to Egyptian Premier's Statement

LONDON, Wednesday. THE statement of the Egyptian Premier, Fikry Abazaz Bey, in the Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday, has been widely commented in the British press. The statement, which declared that the Egyptian people were united against the British Empire, was seen as a significant development in the Sudan question. The British press generally reacted with surprise and concern, noting the extent to which the Egyptian people had been mobilized against British interests in the Sudan. Some commentators suggested that the statement might lead to a more serious and sustained campaign of opposition to British policy in the Sudan.

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Sudan's Advisory Council To Be Expanded

KHARTOUM, Jan. 1.—Despite Egyptian objections to his policy, Sir Hubert Huddleston, the Sudan Governor-General, today announced a further step towards self-government in Sudan. Addressing the opening assembly of the North Sudan Advisory Council he announced that proposals would be submitted immediately for the expansion of the Council into a "more representative and responsible Assembly". He expressed the hope that it would be possible before long, to plan for constitutional advance. He again insisted that the prolonged Anglo-Egyptian Treaty negotiations had not altered Sudan's status and that it was his intention to continue the policy of developing internal self-governing institutions. He added: "The Sudan Government will continue its task of preparing Sudan for self-government and for the task of choosing freely what Sudan's future status is to be". He said there had been a 50 per cent increase during the past two years in the number of Sudanese holding division-one civil service posts. He concluded: "You meet at a critical time in the country's history. The eyes of many are upon the Sudanese. By your words, actions and outlook, you may have immense influence upon the future.—Globe

BRITISH SEARCH FOR NEW FORMULA TO AVOID RUPTURE IN EGYPTIAN TREATY TALKS

LONDON, Thursday. BRITAIN, faced with a threatened breakdown in the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty negotiation, is searching for a formula, which would satisfactorily interpret the Sudan Protocol informally agreed upon by ex-Premier Sidky Pasha and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin last October, an informed source said here yesterday. The solution involved the reconciliation of British insistence that the Sudanese should have the right to determine their own future, with recognition of the Egyptian demand for the unity of the Nile Valley, he added. Exchanges between the two Governments since Nokraschy Pasha took office as Premier had been aimed at the elimination of "misconceptions surrounding the interpretation of the Sudan Protocol" so that negotiations could formally be resumed, the informant said. He added that if these things cannot be settled Mr. Bevin will probably make a unilateral pronouncement on the whole subject of the treaty negotiations in general and the Sudan disagreement in particular soon after Parliament reconvenes on January 20. Other informed Whitehall sources said that Egypt recently called upon Britain to declare publicly that the governmental representatives in the Sudan would do nothing to thwart or weaken any Sudanese tendency towards the Nile Valley unity. The tone of this, the sources said, was the strongest used since the negotiations began a year ago. As the British Government saw it, the Government source said, Egypt's desire for resumed sovereignty over the Sudan was conditioned primarily by prestige factors and then by economic and strategic considerations. Britain, the source declared, was backed by all the principles of the United Nations when she insisted that the Sudanese should have the right of self-determination. While pessimism continues to cloud the Whitehall horizon over a successful resumption of the treaty talks, sources close to the Foreign Office and No. 10 Downing Street expressed regret that a deadlock should have been reached over what they described as an academic issue.—APA.

HMG Ready To Discuss Jewish State Plan

LONDON, Thursday. AN official source said in London yesterday that Britain was prepared to give full and serious consideration to the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine if the Jews presented such a plan at the London Conference due to re-assemble on January 21. He added, however, that it was unlikely that the British Government would pre-judge the outcome of the Conference by guaranteeing the establishment of a Jewish State in the Holy Land. The Basle Conference in the World Zionist Congress resolved last month not to participate in the London Conference on Palestine unless Britain would give such a guarantee. Other Whitehall sources indicated official British opinion was inclining increasingly to the view that the only feasible and final settlement for Palestine would be on the basis of partition. These sources added that every effort would be made to persuade the Jews to participate in the January 21 Conference because the Government believes that discussions with the Arab League States alone would be futile. One informant said that the British Cabinet would review the entire situation next week. In the meantime, Colonial Secretary Creech-Jones has called for a complete, up-to-the-minute report on the situation in the Holy Land from the Palestine High Commissioner, Lieutenant-General Sir Alan Cunningham.—APA.

BEVIN TO REPORT ALBANIAN ISSUE TO CABINET

LONDON, Wednesday.—The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will tomorrow make a full report on the General foreign outlook when the British Cabinet meets at 10, Downing Street. He will include in his survey, the trouble which has arisen with Albania over the mining of two British Destroyers in Corfu Channel.

IRANIAN ARMY OFFICERS JOIN DEMOCRAT PARTY

TEHRAN, Thursday: The newspaper "Keyhan", reported yesterday that several officers who deserted the Iranian Army last year and joined the Azerbaijan Democrat Party forces were court-martialled and executed in Tabriz yesterday. Those executions, the newspaper added, coincided with the executions at Rezaleh of General Kabiri, Azerbaijan Democrat Leader, known as the "Butcher of Rezaleh" and several other officers.—APA.

Rise In Production & Fall In Prices: Two Conditions For France's Salvation, Says Blum

PARIS, Thursday. TWO conditions for France's salvation are decrease in price and increase and modernisation of production, declared the veteran French Premier, M. Leon Blum, in a New Year's day broadcast to the nation. M. Blum discussed France's battle against the trend of inflation and her plans for modernisation of French industry. M. Blum was making his second broadcast within 24 hours on the decision announced last night to reduce industrial and agricultural prices by five per cent. immediately, with a further five per cent. cut within two months. "I see in progressive reduction of prices and corresponding increase in the purchasing powers of the Franc a sign of the psychological shock and overthrow of the inflation tendency," the French Premier said. "To decrease prices and to increase and modernise production—these are the two conditions necessary for our country's salvation. M. Blum continued: "The 40-hour week quite naturally remains the rule but the 8 additional hours which with their legal increase bring a remuneration equal to 50 hours must normally be regarded as 40 hours. Forty hours are the legal week, 48 hours the normal week. "Despite this important resolution, the problem of labour will for some months to come raise difficult conditions. "The work undertaken will not lack continuity once the movement has begun, I am fully convinced that it will be necessarily continued by the Government which will follow ours. "Yesterday, I saw all authorised representatives of industrial and agricultural employers, of agricultural production and of labour and they promised their support."—Reuter.

5 KILLED IN IRAQ PLANE CRASH

BAGHDAD, Wednesday: The pilot and four passengers were killed today when an Iraqi RAF plane crashed near Habbaniya base owing to bad weather.—Reuter.

U.N. MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

LAKE SUCCESS (New York), Wednesday.—The United Nations Military Staff Committee is to begin the new year with a study of the problem of how many troops should be made available to the United Nations for the maintenance of international peace. Admiral Sir Henry Moore of the Royal Navy is to hand over the Chairmanship of the Committee to United States Admiral Richmond Turner. It is understood reliably that the committee has finished discussion of principles governing the composition of the forces placed at the disposal of the United Nations and has decided the proportion of troops to be supplied by each country.—Reuter.



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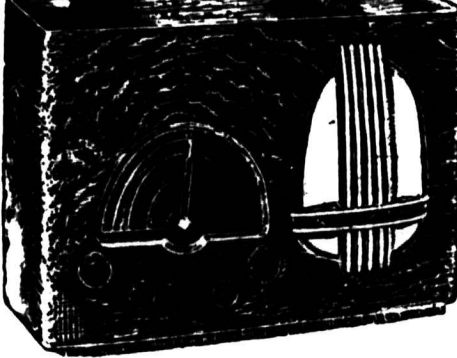
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